

EXECUTIVE ORDER
NO. 91-5
ARIZONA STATE ENERGY AND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

WHEREAS, energy is essential for Arizona's economic and environmental health; and

WHEREAS, the development, implementation, and periodic review of a comprehensive energy policy are critical to enabling the State to determine its future energy needs and to ensure a rational, effective, economical, environmentally sound, and sustainable means of meeting those needs; and

WHEREAS, the means chosen for meeting the State's future energy needs can have significant impacts not only on costs to residential and business energy consumers, but on the degradation or preservation and enhancement of the environment, the health, safety and general welfare of the public and economic development of the State; and

WHEREAS, environmental issues such as urban air quality, global climate change, acid deposition, rising ozone concentration, solid waste and hazardous waste handling and disposal are of critical concern and must be addressed in a comprehensive energy policy; and

WHEREAS, increased dependence on imported energy supplies is a threat to the energy security of the nation and State and must be addressed in a comprehensive energy policy; and

WHEREAS, State determinations and actions with respect to energy resources should be based on clearly identified policies, long-range energy planning objectives, and least total social cost strategies, including energy efficiency, conservation, and the use of alternative and renewable energy resources; and

WHEREAS, the efficiency and effectiveness of government decision making can be enhanced also by the use of consistent, reliable and rational assumptions with respect to future energy needs, availability and cost projections; and

WHEREAS, the effective period of House Bill 2249, establishing a Legislative Task Force and an Advisory Committee on Energy Policy and Planning, expired on December 31, 1990, and a continuing process is required in order to carry forward the recommendations of the Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Arizona Energy Office of the Department of Commerce is authorized to undertake analyses to determine present and projected energy use, supply and demand, and to obtain and disseminate reports and information in connection therewith; and to provide advice with respect to all energy-related matters, including how best to obtain and maintain an adequate, reliable, and continuous supply of safe, dependable, and economical energy for the people of the State; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public's interest to have a formal energy policy and implementation plan that incorporates least cost and integrated resource planning criteria, tracks technological innovation, projects future energy needs, makes other projections and analyses related to energy costs and availability, provides contingency plans in the event of supply disruptions, and includes a statement of basic policies and long-range energy planning objectives and strategies to guide energy-related decision making by State government;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROSE MOFFORD, Governor of the State of Arizona, by virtue of the Constitution and Laws of the State of Arizona, do hereby establish an energy policy and implementation planning process to be conducted by the Arizona Energy Office of the Department of Commerce, with input from other public and private sources, for the purpose of developing and periodically updating a comprehensive State energy policy and implementation plan, which shall identify basic policies, long-range energy planning objectives and strategies, future energy needs and cost projections, and which shall guide energy-related actions and decisions and otherwise be utilized by State departments, agencies and authorities. I further direct the Director of the Department of Commerce to establish an Energy Policy Advisory Committee to provide advice to the Arizona Energy Office in meeting the objectives of this Executive Order.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona.



A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Rose Mofford".

GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix this fourteenth day of February in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety One and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Fifteenth.

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Richard Hahoway".

Secretary of State